

**Notice of Allowability**

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/10/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,7-11 and 21-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
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|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Brian Steinberger on 3/29/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification:

Page 3 line 7: Please delete "carrageehan" and insert --carrageenan--

Claim 1:

Line 9: Please delete "carrageehan" and insert --carrageenan--

Claim 7, 9, 10 and 11

Line 1: Please delete "includes" and insert --is--

Claim 25:

Please replace with: The composition of claim 1, wherein the second pre-blended mixture includes: less than approximately 1g of heavy cream, less than approximately 1g of carrageenan,

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less than approximately 1g of vegetable mono, less than approximately 1g of diglycerides, and less than approximately 1g of polysorbate 80.

Claim 26:

Please replace with: A composition for making an edible product comprising: a first mixture having chocolate powder with low fat and low carbohydrates, the first mixture consisting of a first pre-blended mixture of approximately 9g of maltitol, less than approximately 1g of non-hydrogenated vegetable oil, less than approximately 1g of low fat cocoa powder, approximately 1.5g of milk proteins, less than approximately 1g of soy flour, less than approximately 1g of soy lecithin, and less than approximately 1g of vanilla; and a second mixture having cream with low carbohydrates, the second mixture consisting of a second pre-blended mixture of less than approximately 1g of heavy cream, less than approximately 1g of carrageenan, less than approximately 1g of vegetable mono, less than approximately 1g of diglycerides, and less than approximately 1g of polysorbate 80, the composition being a combination of the first mixture and the second mixture, whereby a serving of the composition has less than approximately 10g of total carbohydrates and less than approximately 1g of effective carbs (net carbs of sugars and starches).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adepeju Pearse whose telephone number is 571-272-8560. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8.00am - 4.30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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